

Great Falls Public Schools
Ten “MOORE” things you need to know
November 19, 2019

Dear Community Member: You are receiving this email as part of the District’s ongoing community communication efforts. If you do not wish to receive these emails, there is a place to unsubscribe at the very bottom.

1. **Congratulations CMR Girls’ Volleyball Team-** They took 3rd Place at the State Tournament on Saturday in Bozeman! Thanks to the coaching staff; Patrick Hiller, Paula Olson, Taylor Parker, Kelly Lindseth, Michelle Preston and Sarah Thompson for all of your efforts this year with our Lady Rustlers!
2. **High School Drama Department Productions-** The GFHS Drama Department will be presenting *CLUE* November 21-22 at 7:30 pm and November 23 at 2:00 pm in the University of Providence Performing Arts Theatre. **CMR-Drama** will be producing *South Pacific*, which begins on December 6 and runs through December 14 in Williamson Hall at CMR. Check out all Fine Arts events at: <http://calendar.gfps.k12.mt.us/MasterCalendar.aspx?data=UkJlZ1bbJnXeqbpWDtQzQA%3d%3d>
3. **Winter Weather Awareness.** Winter has arrived this week. That means we all need to be very careful driving in our neighborhoods and around our schools. The GFPS Student Safety webpage has several weather related links at www.gfps.k12.mt.us/students/safety. There’s also a whole section on how GFPS handles school disruptions due to weather.
4. **Community input for the Board Budget Committee-** Please join us on November 20, 5:30 pm in the newly opened HUB at Great Falls High School. The Board and staff would like your input on the budget challenges and solutions that face our school district in the upcoming year.
5. **Music Department Fruit Sales-** Please consider supporting our music programs during this pre-holiday season fundraiser. If you would like to purchase some fruit, contact Music and Fine Arts Director Dusty Molyneaux’s office at 268- 6080. Our school holiday music concert schedule can be view on the website at; http://gfpsweb.weebly.com/uploads/2/7/3/6/27366965/2019_all_holiday_concerts..pdf
6. **Happy Thanksgiving-**This is my favorite time of the year! This holiday in particular gives us an opportunity to reflect on the blessing of the past year and the challenges and opportunities we have faced. For some, the holiday season is challenging. **Our students and staff will have a Thanksgiving Break** starting on Wednesday, November 27 through Sunday, December 1. The School District Offices Building will be open on Wednesday, but closed on Thursday and Friday.
7. **Winter Sports beginning-** Practice for boys’ and girls’ basketball, swimming and boys’ wrestling begins this week. Competition will begin the first week in December. For more information check out all of the schedules on our Athletics webpage at ; <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/sports-schedules/>
8. **Business Goes to School** – Thank you to the 21+ businesses who sent representatives to our second annual *Business Goes to School* event on November 14th. The Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and the Great Falls Public Schools Foundation sponsored this event. The purpose of the event was to get business and community members into our schools to shadow our principals and get a glimpse of what is happening in our schools.
9. **Topping-out Ceremony** – will be held Wednesday, November 20, 1:00 pm at Longfellow Elementary, 1100 6th Ave South, to celebrate the completion of the steel structure phase of construction. Thanks to our general contractor Sletten Construction Company and all of the sub-contractors who have made this happen in short order!
10. **United Way’s 50th Anniversary-** Congratulations to United Way of Cascade County as you celebrate 50 years of work, focusing on positively impacting our community in Great Falls! United Way is a key partner in education and helping students to thrive in Great Falls.

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for Dec 4, 2019.

Thanks for reading and thanks for supporting our staff and students!

Tom Moore

Superintendent

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